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Charles D. Kim)
Serial No. 10/826,941) Group Art Unit: 2859
Filed: April 17, 2004) Examiner: Yaritza Guadalupe
Title: STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR)
HOLDING AND PROTECTING VIALS)
IN LEVELS)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Replacement Sheets of drawings in the application are attached following page 21 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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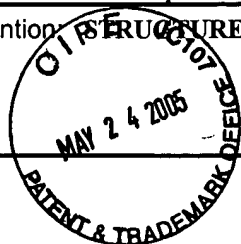
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Invention: STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR HOLDING AND PROTECTING VIALS IN LEVELS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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